

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 8 JULY 1998
TAG REVIEW DATE: 27 APRIL 1999**

1. **SITE NAME:** Goffs Campsite

SITE NUMBER: J09CA037900

LOCATION:

City: Goffs
County: San Bernardino County
State: California

PROJECT NUMBER: J09CA037901

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 2

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** Goffs Campsite was located in San Bernardino County, California at Goffs. Military use of the area began in 1942, after the Army approved the creation of the Desert Training Center (DTC) on 5 February. The DTC, later renamed

the California-Arizona Maneuver Area (CAMA), was a large multi-use maneuver area covering approximately 18,000 square miles in California, Arizona and Nevada. Goffs Campsite consisted of the field depots and encampments at railroad station and highway crossroads. The primary ordnance and explosives feature of the site was CAMA Army Ammunition Depot #4, which stored and supplied maneuver and training ammunition from 10 magazines. The site also had a Rifle Range and several OE burial areas. The Army Service Forces declared the site surplus to the needs of the War Department on 30 March 1944. Plate 1 in the report plates section shows the general location of the site.

4. SITE HISTORY: At the outbreak of World War II, Goffs was a small railroad station located on the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe mainline and adjacent to a 1930s alignment of U.S. Route 66. At that time, the War Department identified a need for a large multi-use area to prepare soldiers for war in the deserts of North Africa. On 5 February 1942, the Army approved the Desert Training Center (DTC) for use by the Army Ground Forces to train mechanized units to live and fight in the desert under a theater of operations scenario. Troops also tested and developed equipment, tactical doctrines, techniques and training methods. The DTC grew to include a vast network of camps, airfields, depots, ranges and maneuver areas covering approximately 18,000 square miles in California, Arizona and Nevada. Goffs Campsite, located within the Combat Zone of the DTC, consisted of the field depots and encampments in the vicinity of Goffs Station or railhead.

By August 1942, the II Armored Corps took over the administrative control of DTC from I Armored Corps. The logistical elements at Goffs included:

Quartermaster	- Class I and III depots
Ordnance	- supply branch depot:: Army Ordnance Depot #13 - ammunition depot: Army Ammunition Depot (AAD) #4
Medical	- sub depot
Engineer	- supply detachment
Signal	- supply detachment

At the time, the Chemical Corps supplies came out of Camp Young but they recommended setting up supply operations at Goffs. The archives search team did not locate any evidence that this occurred. A vehicle maintenance depot was added at Goffs later.

As an improvised field encampment, detailed site plans for Goffs Campsite do not appear to have been created. Gathered evidence indicates the following three general areas within four miles of Goffs constituted the DTC area referenced as Goffs:

- Goffs Railhead, with a surrounding encampment
- Goffs Army Ammunition Depot (AAD) #4
- Goffs Rifle Range, with 100, 200, 300 and 500 yards firing lines

Goffs also had a 1,500 foot by 150 foot sand/gravel landing strip about two miles to the east.

Goffs Railhead consisted of a wye railroad spur traveling 2,000 feet northwest of the mainline along an old right-of-way and two additional spurs coming off the main spur. Other Army improvements at Goffs Railhead, besides the railway spur, included:

- 3 administration buildings, 20 feet by 100 feet
- 2 warehouse buildings, 40 feet by 96 feet
- 2 sheds, 40 feet by 96 feet

An isolated T/O building 20 feet by 100 feet in size was one mile east of Goffs in the camp area.

The road network of the encampments could barely be delineated on both the north and south sides of the railroad tracks at Goffs from aerial photography and the site inspection. Reportedly Goffs was the 7th Infantry Division encampment, though no documentation could be located to confirm this.

Goffs Army Ammunition Depot #4 consisted of ten ammunition storage igloos which were located three miles south of Goffs on the southern side of Goffs Butte. The road network for this encampment could also barely be discerned from aerial photography and the site inspection. The Rifle Range was about halfway between the railhead and ammunition depot.

On 18 October 1943, War Department renamed the DTC the California-Arizona Maneuver Area (CAMA) to dispel any questions if the maneuver area was only intended for desert training. However by January 1944, Army Ground Forces planned to discontinue CAMA as a maneuver area by 15 April 1944, and cease internal operations as a training theater by 1 May 1944. Evacuation of Goffs Army Ammunition Depot #4 began on 19 February and was completed 15 March. This involved moving 1,191 tons of supplies and material. The Quartermaster Section which operated the Class I and III railhead and a salvage collecting point closed on 18 March. Headquarters Army Service Forces declared all of CAMA, with a few exceptions not including the Goffs Campsite, surplus to the War Department's needs on 30 March 1944.

The primary ordnance and explosive mission at Goffs consisted of supplying and storing maneuver and training ammunition. A complete list of all the quantities and types of munitions stored at Goffs could not be assembled. However, reviewed documentation shows that between October 1943 and January 1944, the Chief of Ordnance requested the following training ammunition be shipped to Goffs:

Grenade, hand, frag., Mk II	15,000
Shell, HE, w/fuze M54, 105mm Howitzer	1,650
Charge, Prop. M1A1, Green Bag, 155mm How.	17-18650
Charge, Prop. M2, White Bag, 155mm How.	17-18650
Signals, AC Asstd. (M43-45)	3,000
Shot, AP, 75mm Gun	1,000
Shot, Fixed, AP, 57mm Gun	4,000
Shell, HE, W/fuze M48, 3" T & AT	600

Shell, HE, M63, 37mm T & AT	3,000
Shot, AP, M72, 75mm Gun	2,500

Note: A complete listing of the items stored at this site can be found in the ASR.

Ordnance use also occurred at Goffs Rifle Range. The rifle range was northeast of Goffs Butte and southeast of Goffs about halfway between the railhead and ammunition depot. It had firing lines at 100, 200, 300 and 500 yards and was approximately 100 yard wide. Ordnance debris located during the site inspection, included only small arms of caliber .22, .30 and .45.

The archive search uncovered no other direct evidence of other ordnance use in the Goffs area, though several instances of ordnance disposal occurred on the west and south sides of Goffs Butte. In 1980, an OE disposal pit was discovered and removed. The site inspection located another disposal area southwest of Goffs Butte and heard hearsay reports of 1944 vintage disposals in the area.

The archive search team found no evidence that Goffs Campsite conducted CWM training, storage or disposal. The Chemical Corps suggested setting up supply operations at Goffs but no documents were located to verify this occurred. However, the archive search did locate documentation relating to CWM use and training within the greater DTC/CAMA.

All units stationed within the DTC received chemical warfare training. The Tenth Corps Chemical Section conducted chemical warfare schools at various locations within DTC/CAMA, though none of the reviewed documents specified Goffs. Typical training included gas mask exercises, gas chamber exercises, identification of agents, collective protection, decontamination, tactical exercises, first aid, employment of smoke and gas proof clothing.

CWM requested for training during maneuvers included: tear gas and smoke pots (CN & HC), tear gas solution (CNB) and capsules (CN), chemical land mines and mustard gas simulant (MR-molasses residuum). It also included incendiary bombs, grenades and toxic chemical agents in gas identification sets. All chemical warfare units along with ammunition and supplies were evacuated from DTC/CAMA by 30 April 1944.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A: Size, Acres:	Approximately 10
Former Use:	10 Ammunition Storage Igloos
Present Use:	Undeveloped lands
Probable End Use:	Same as above
Ordnance Presence:	None

Area B: Size, Acres:	Approximately 10
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Former Use: Small Caliber Rifle Range
Present Use: Undeveloped lands
Probable End Use: Same as above
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Type: Expended small arms

Area C: Size, Acres: Approximately 640
Former Use: OE burial sites
Present Use: Undeveloped lands
Probable End Use: Same as above
Ordnance Presence: **Confirmed**
Type: Practice Anti-tank Mines,
Rifle Grenades, 60 & 81mm
Mortars, 105 & 155mm
Projectiles, 2.36" Rockets
Potential
Hearsay from veterans indicate large scale burials

6. **CURRENT STATUS:** The Archive Search Report (ASR) for Goffs Campsite was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in July 1998.

7. **STRATEGY:**

Area A: EE/CA
Area B: EE/CA
Area C: EE/CA

8. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** The actual boundaries of this FUDS are unknown. The Site Survey Summary Sheet mentions 426 acres and the acreage in the Recommendations and Conclusions (para. 2.6) totals approximately 640 acres. Goffs Campsite was a field depot and temporary encampment at a railroad station and crossroads in the CAMA.

The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group met and discussed this ASR on 27 April 1999 and determined an EE/CA for the entire approximately 640 acres mentioned in the Recommendations and Conclusions as confirmed OE debris was encountered by the SI team during their inspection of Area C. Even though the SI Team found nothing in Area A and only Small Arms residue in Area B, there is a potential for OE to be found anywhere in the DTC area, especially in a former storage area. The prudent course of action from a safety perspective is to consider these areas in the EE/CA.

There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** EE/CA

10. **FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only

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